

TEACH US TO PRAY LK. 11:1-13

3 potential problems found in this passage:

1. “Teach us to pray” is the same as “teach us how to pray.”

2. 11:13....give the Holy Spirit.... What does this mean?

Parallel: Matthew 7:11 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give **good things** to them that ask him?

OT teaching (antecedent teaching / informing theology):

Isaiah 44:1-3 Yet now hear, O Jacob my servant; and Israel, whom I have chosen: 2 Thus saith the LORD that made thee, and formed thee from the womb, which will help thee; Fear not, O Jacob, my servant; and thou, Jesurun, whom I have chosen. 3 For I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground: **I will pour my spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thine offspring:**

Also: Ex. 31:1-5; 35:30-32; Isa. 11:2-3; 42:1-4; 32:15-17; 63:10-14

In a different setting, Jesus uses this phrase since the Holy Spirit is the **source of all good things!**

3. Textual problems

I. Pray according to His pattern &/ plan

Luke 11:2 And he said unto them, **When ye pray**, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.

Most folks don't pray → or at least they don't pray well because they lack an organized, sequential plan

1. The honor / name of God

Luke 11:2 And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, **Hallowed (ἀγιασθήτω) be thy name**. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.

hallowed = to separate , to set apart (from common use / profane use)

1 Corinthians 10:31 Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.

Our highest priority

Our first request

Our primary end

This is **before** our needs, wants, desires, health, jobs, family, problems, etc.

1 Chronicles 16:27-29 Glory and honour are in his presence; strength and gladness are in his place. 28 Give unto the LORD, ye kindreds of the people, give unto the LORD glory and strength. 29 Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come before him: worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness

Isaiah 42:8 I am the LORD: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images.

Acts 12:22-23 And the people gave a shout, saying, It is the voice of a god, and not of a man. 23 And immediately the angel of the Lord smote him, because he gave not God the glory: and he was eaten of worms, and gave up the ghost.

1 Peter 4:11 If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: **that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever.** Amen.

Our prayer: I want You to be glorified and I want to do what I can to bring you glory and I want to avoid what doesn't bring you glory

2. The kingdom of God

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Revelation 22:20 He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. **Even so, come, Lord Jesus.**

1 Corinthians 16:22 If any man love not the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be Anathema **Maranatha**.

Matthew 6:33 **But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness;** and all these things shall be added unto you.

Colossians 1:12-14 Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: 13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, **and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:** 14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:

3. The will of God

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Luke 22:41-42 And he was withdrawn from them about a stone's cast, and kneeled down, and prayed, 42 Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: **nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done.**

Romans 1:10 Making request, if by any means now at length I might have a prosperous journey **by the will of God to come unto you.**

Romans 15:30-32 Now I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake, and for the love of the Spirit, that ye strive together with me in your prayers to God for me; 31 That I may be delivered from them that do not believe in Judaea; and that my service which I have for Jerusalem may be accepted of the saints; 32 That I may come unto you with joy **by the will of God**, and may with you be refreshed.

4. The bread of life

Luke 11:3 Give us day by day our daily bread.

Bread is metonymy for food & necessities. (**Luke 7:33; Jn. 13:18; 2 Thess. 3:8,12**)

5. The forgiveness of sin

Luke 11:4 And forgive us our sins; **for** we also forgive every one that is indebted to us....

Ps. 51:3 For I acknowledged my transgressions and my sin is ever before me.

Psalm 130:3 If thou, LORD, shouldst mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand? **Psalm 130:4** But *there is forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared.*

Mark 11:25 And when ye stand praying, **forgive, if** ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. **Mark 11:26** But **if** ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.

The older I get the more I know some things:

I need forgiveness! I need to forgive others! I need to be forgiven by others!

I become more aware not less aware!

6. The leadership / direction of God

Luke 11:4 And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. **And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.**

John 8:12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, **I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.**

Psalm 37:23 The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way.

Psalm 119:105 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

Psalm 119:130 The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple.

Proverbs 6:23 For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life:

II. Pray according to His plan with persistence / perseverance!

Luke 11:5-7 And he said unto them, Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight, and say unto him, Friend, lend me three loaves; 6 For a friend of mine in his journey is come to me, and I have nothing to set before him? 7 And he from within shall answer and say, Trouble me not: the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give thee.

Luke 11:8 I say unto you, Though he will **not** rise and give him, **because he is his friend** (διὰ τὸ εἶναι φίλον αὐτοῦ), yet because of his importunity (διὰ γε τὴν ἀναίδειαν αὐτοῦ) he will rise and give him as many as he needeth. (shamelessness / shameless persistence)

Luke 11:9-10 And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. 10 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

This is a principle found throughout the Bible:

Acts 12:5 Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him.

Romans 12:12 Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer;

Colossians 4:2 Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving;

1 Thessalonians 5:17 Pray without ceasing.

III. Pray according to His plan with perseverance based on a presupposition.

Luke 11:11-13 If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? 12 Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? 13 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

Lest we get the wrong idea!

Never forget:

God wants to answer your prayers **more than we want to pray **and** **more than** we want to help even our own children!!!**